

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of ~~countering~~ inhibiting oxidation of low density lipoproteins ~~comprising~~ which comprises administering an effective amount of a Hibiscus sabdariffa extract to a patient in need thereof; wherein oxidation of low density lipoproteins is inhibited by the Hibiscus sabdariffa extract.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising combining the said Hibiscus sabdariffa extract with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the amount of the said Hibiscus sabdariffa extract is administered in a pharmaceutical unit dosage form which is adapted for oral administration.

7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the unit dosage form is a tablet or a capsule

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method of ~~inhibiting~~ treating artherosclerosis by ~~countering~~ inhibiting the oxidation of low density lipoproteins ~~comprising~~ which comprises administering an effective amount of a Hibiscus sabdariffa extract; wherein oxidation of low density lipoproteins is inhibited by the Hibisucus sabdariffa extract..